

REMARKS

The Applicant would like to thank **Examiner Weaver** for the analysis contained in the Examination Report dated **October 13, 2006**.

Drawing Objections under 37 CFR 1.121(d)

The Fig. 3 of the drawings are amended, per the attached Submission, to overcome the noted informality contained therein, e.g., to indicate the location of the viewing window 25 disclosed within the specification. In addition, a new set of Replacement Sheets of formal drawing(s), accompanies this Submission, which incorporate the requested drawing amendment and also enhance the clarity of the previously submitted drawings. If any further amendment to the drawings is believed necessary, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weaver '365 and Buxton '654 and further in view of Stember et al. The Applicant acknowledges and respectfully traverses the raised anticipatory rejection in view of the following remarks.

In the Official Action, the Examiner states "[t]o have inverted the pockets to hide the seams would have been obvious in view of such teachings by Stember et al". The Applicant is puzzled by the Examiner's reference to hiding the seams. According to the present invention, the inverting of the pockets is to form a peripheral border. In this regard the Examiner is referred to page 4 of the specification, commencing at line 8 of paragraph 37, where it specifically discloses that:

Referring to **FIGURE 3**, first pocket 21 and second pocket 23 are turned inside out. This forms a body 12 with a first inside out pocket 21A, a second inside out pocket 23A and a narrow peripheral border 22.

Referring to **FIG. 2**, when folds are made and pockets 21 formed, the Examiner will note that there is no border to confine the coins. If used in that form, the partially formed purse would lack utility, as the coins would fall out. As set forth in the above

quotation, by inverting the pockets, a border is formed which enables the body to function as a purse.

The Applicant would also like to direct the Examiner's attention to page 5 of the specification, commencing at line 33 of paragraph 37:

Once turned inside out, the size of pockets 21A and 23A together with the width of seam 37 control the size of border 22. The width of seams 37 depends upon the positioning of seam lines 36. The wider the seam, the higher the side portion of border 22 will be.

It is respectfully submitted that the above teachings do not appear to be in any way disclosed by either the Weaver `365, the Buxton `654 and/or the Stember et al. references. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejection in view of the applied art of Weaver `365, the Buxton `654 and the Stember et al. should be withdrawn at this time.

If any further amendment to this application is believed necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable form, the Examiner is courteously solicited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn at this time. If the Examiner disagrees with the Applicant's view concerning the withdrawal of the outstanding rejection(s) or applicability of the Weaver `365, the Buxton `654 and/or the Stember et al. references, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate the specific passage or passages, or the drawing or drawings, which contain the necessary teaching, suggestion and/or disclosure required by case law. As such teaching, suggestion and/or disclosure is not present in the applied references, the raised rejection should be withdrawn at this time. Alternatively, if the Examiner is relying on his/her expertise in this field, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter an affidavit substantiating the Examiner's position so that suitable contradictory evidence can be entered in this case by the Applicant.

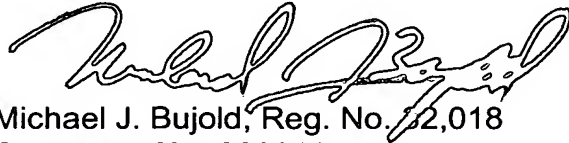
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

The Applicant respectfully requests that any outstanding objection(s) or requirement(s), as to the form of this application, be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated for this case.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Fig. 1.

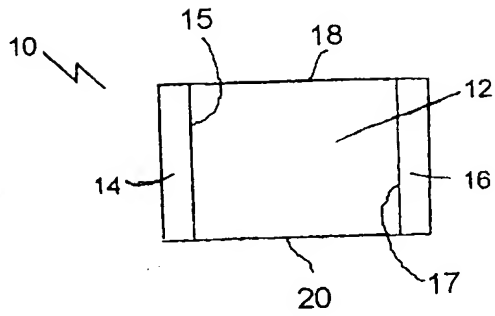


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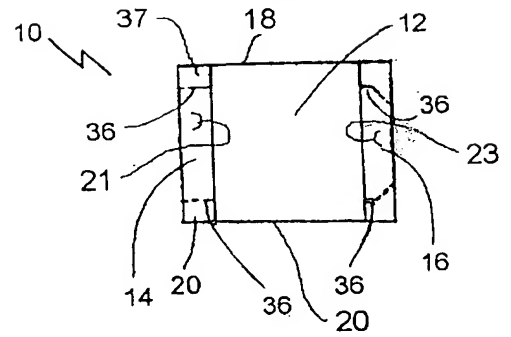


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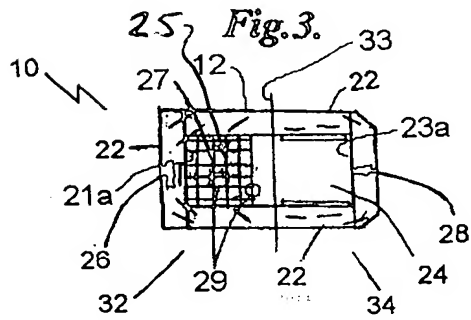


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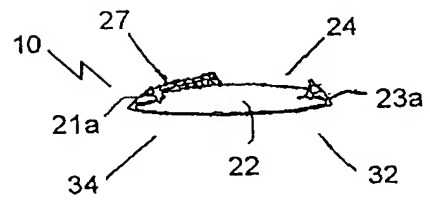


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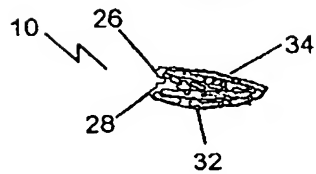


Fig. 6.

